GEORGIA EQUALITY PROJECT EMPOWERMENT LUNCH

"Knowledge IS Power", therefore we must acquire knowledge and share it with each other. That knowledge, that power, provides the tools to access our political and governmental system, and make it work in inclusive ways.

The presenters will provide factual information as well as share some of their own experiences as a foundation for facilitating discussion and dialogue among participants. This is about our lives and the forces that determine the quality of that life. Guaranteed not to be a dry, rhetorical lecture!

Expect the following:
- a practical overview of the functions of city, state, and federal governments
- examples of how each level has worked for and/or against issues of equality
- a proposal as to the importance of participating in a system that often does not recognize or respect our identities
- suggestions on "gaining a seat at the table" - even if we're not invited and not always welcome
- practical ways to affect change on any level we choose to get involved

This interactive workshop on "tapping into the system" is offered by Georgia Equality Project, a state-wide educational and political organization working for equality for Georgia's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered communities. Presenters are Aida Rentas, G.E.P. Board member and Executive Director of Latinos En Accione, and Cindy L. Abel, Executive Director of G.E.P. Both Ms. Rentas and Ms. Abel are graduates of the Advanced Victory Fund Campaign Institute, and have experience in grassroots and political organizing, including fighting anti-gay initiatives and candidate campaigns.